

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A pair of conductive terminal or lead layers 43 are formed to spread over the surfaces of the domain control stripe layers 42, respectively. The lead layers 43 are interposed between the domain control stripe layers 42 and the upper shield layer 35. A sensing current can be supplied to the spin valve film 41 through the lead layers 43. In this case, it is preferable to ~~from~~form the lead layers 43 with a material having a higher electric conductivity, such as Au or the like.--